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11. (U) Bas-Congo provincial assembly members elected four national Senators January 19, including Transitional Government Vice President Abdoulaye Yerodia. Yerodia and two others -- Jacques Mbadu (Independent), the current Governor of Bas-Congo, and Gaston Nginayevuvu (Forces du Renouveau), a Transitional Government deputy -- belong to Kabila's AMP coalition. The fourth new senator, Raphael Siluvangi (MLC), is allied with Bemba's Union for the Nation (UfN). Although the Bas-Congo provincial assembly leadership is composed entirely of UfN supporters, assembly members voted primarily for AMP-allied candidates for Senator.

12. (SBU) Biographical information

Jacques Mbadu Nsitu (Independent)

Mbadu, 55, the current governor of Bas-Congo, was appointed in October 2006 by President Kabila.

Gaston Nginayevuvu Lubamba (Forces du Renouveau)

Nginayevuvu, 63, was a member of the National Assembly in the Transitional Government from the political opposition. He unsuccessfully ran for the National Assembly as a member of the Forces du Renouveau party. Born June 29, 1943.

Abdoulaye Yerodia Ndombasi (PPRD)

Yerodia, 74, was one of the four Transitional Government Vice Presidents. He served as Education Minister from November 2000 to April 2001 and Foreign Minister from March 1999 to November 2000. He has made numerous inflammatory public statements about Tutsis. He is a university professor of psychoanalysis by training. Born January 5, 1933.

Raphael Siluvangi Lumba (MLC)

Siluvangi, 65, has his base among the Bakongo Movement. He unsuccessfully ran for National Assembly as a member of the MDD party. Born January 7, 1942.

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